

Fair Tonight  
and Monday.

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## TONY MILANO TRIES TO HANG HIMSELF IN JAIL

Alleged Slayer Detected  
in Attempt at  
Suicide.

### RESORTS TO USE OF WIRE CLOTHES ROPE

Guard Overcomes Him After  
Struggle, Preventing Him  
From Ending His Life.

His wife driven from her home because of non-payment of rent; his children starving and without clothing to protect them from the cold, together with gloomy prospects of ever being able to prove his innocence of the crime with which he is accused, Tony Milano, "Tony the shoe-maker by trade," charged with the murder of a Washington youth several weeks ago, and of trying to conceal the crime by fire, today attempted to end his life by hanging.

At the District jail, where he has been confined since the grand jury returned an indictment for murder, the former Italian artilleryman, whose despondency has been growing on him for days, procured a clothesline, and before his keepers were aware, had nearly succeeded in ending his life.

#### Uses Wire Rope.

The man tied the loose end of the wire rope to the top of the cell in which he has been stationed, and with the noose tightly about his neck, climbed upon a chair and made ready to step off into space and into death, when a uniformed guard, hearing the unusual sound in the cell, threw open the door and sprang at Milano.

He caught the shoemaker in his arms just as he stepped from the improvised gallows, and before the body reached the end of the rope. A struggle followed. The frightened Italian was determined to put an end to his existence, and the guard was just as determined that he should not.

Weeks of confinement in a close cell had sapped the strength of the man, who once was the pride of his regiment, and whose athletic qualities made him known throughout the Italian army. It was but a simple matter, after struggling with Milano for five minutes, for the stalwart guard to master him.

He cut the small wire rope in two, picked the half frantic man in his arms, and carried him to a cot, where he sat down on him and called for assistance.

#### Begs to Die.

Milano begged to be allowed to end his life, saying that he was the most miserable man in the world. He then asked for a priest, and Father Riley was summoned. The black-robed clergyman and the jail physician stood over the prostrate man for hours, trying to quiet his nerves and induce him to take a new lease on life. They finally succeeded. Milano says he will not again try to cheat the law.

Superintendent Zinkham, however, is not willing to take any chances with the shoemaker. A guard was stationed at the door of his little cell, and after the trial, when Milano will be given a chance to prove his innocence, day or night his every movement will be watched.

#### Wife Tells of Plight.

The attempt followed a visit earlier in the day from Milano's wife. She told her husband that her landlord had ejected her from their home. She had no money, she said, to pay the rent, or even to pay for moving the household effects to a new place. The children, she said, are starving. None of them had had anything to eat for twenty-four hours, she said.

For two days, she said, she has walked the streets, and has been forced to beg for food. She isn't a good beggar, she said, and for that reason there are as many unfed mouths in the family as there are members.

Milano has been in a nervous condition all week, the jail authorities said, and the visit of his wife caused a complete breakdown. Jail officials say the man is half crazed, and his nervous condition has not allowed him to sleep for three nights.

He is charged with having murdered Harry Elton Smith, who he is said to have enticed to his shop, several weeks ago, and, after murdering him, trying to dispose of the body by covering it with kerosene and setting fire to it.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Fair tonight and Monday; frost to-night; light to moderate west winds.

TEMPERATURES.  
U. S. BUREAU. AFFLECK'S.  
8 a. m. 40 40  
9 a. m. 41 41  
10 a. m. 42 42  
11 a. m. 43 43  
12 noon 44 44  
1 p. m. 45 45  
2 p. m. 46 46

TIDE TABLE.  
Today: High tide, 12:36 a. m. and 1:19 p. m.; low tide, 7:23 a. m. and 7:41 p. m.  
Tomorrow: High tide, 12:28 a. m. and 1:10 p. m.; low tide, 8:20 a. m. and 8:29 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises 6:23 Sun sets 6:04

## Tries to Hang Himself in the Jail



TONY MILANO.

## SLAIN GIRL'S SISTER HAS LETTER WHICH MAY HURT PASTOR

Helen Linnell, Kin of Richeson's Alleged Victim, Holds Important Clue.

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—The Charles street jail, within which is confined the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, charged with murdering Avis Linnell, is an impenetrable fort on the Sabbath, neither counsel nor relatives being allowed admittance. The chances of an indictment being returned Monday are speculative, even the district attorney of the county having no voice in the finding the grand jury is to make. It is confidently believed, however, that before tomorrow's over the grand jury will have returned an indictment or will have decided that one should not issue.

One thing the detectives overlooked and which is now in the possession of the police is a diary against which which Chief Dugan refuses to divulge, but in which he places much of the faith he holds for a conviction of the minister. It developed this morning that Miss Helen Linnell, the younger sister of the murdered girl, will be a witness upon whose testimony the police will place much dependence. It is alleged that she received a letter mailed by Avis Linnell on the afternoon of her death, and the police have not introduced her as a witness before the grand jury, apparently under the belief that an indictment would be returned anyway, and that it wouldn't be wise to let the defense learn all the evidence in the hands of the police.

### Portuguese Excited By Warship Report

LISBON, Oct. 29.—The government is excited by the report that a royalist warship is off Vienna do Castello, and has ordered the republican fleet to investigate. There is a rumor that the royalist forces have mobilized along the Spanish frontier to attack Oporto in a few days.

## ENGINEER'S QUICK WORK SAVES LIVES

He Clamps on Emergency Brakes  
When Train Is  
Derailed.

TOLEDO, Oct. 29.—Two hundred passengers on the Pennsylvania flyer, bound for Cleveland, escaped death and injury this morning as the train was rounding the curve on a steep embankment at the Annear Mills, only because of the prompt use of the emergency brakes by Engineer W. S. Densole, of Cleveland. The breaking of mechanism under the tender caused the accident. The track was torn into a mass of broken ties and bent rails for 500 feet, with the locomotive tender, smoker, day coach, and two Pullmans derailed.

## MILITIA GUARDING KENTUCKY TOWN, SCENE OF STRIKE

Mayor of Fulton Anticipates  
No Serious Trouble Between Railway Workers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 29.—No serious trouble is anticipated at Fulton, Ky., according to a long distance message from Mayor J. F. Fall, to The Times correspondent here at 11 o'clock. Twenty-five members of the Hopkinsville military company have arrived. Mayor Fall says he didn't request Governor Wilson to send them. The trouble started Thursday night when a shot was fired into a house occupied by some strike breakers. Several men were struck by birdshot, but none was seriously hurt. Illinois Central officials think the shots were fired by the strikers. Forty men employed at the Illinois Central round house are out and strike breakers have their places.

"Everything is quiet," said Mayor Fall, "and I anticipate no trouble. There is more or less excitement among the citizens, which is only natural. There are a few not-headed fellows on both sides, but so far there have been no clashes and the militia company has the situation in hand." Capt. E. W. Clark is in command of the troops and the full company was not sent. Fulton is about 100 miles south-west of Hopkinsville. According to dispatches from Paducah, Ky., it was stated citizens were unable to cope with the situation, but Mayor Fall today denied that conditions following the arrival of the strikebreakers were considered alarming. He admitted there had been one or two personal difficulties between the shopmen and the strike breakers, but said the citizens did not think the shots fired into the house in which the strike breakers were quartered were fired by the strikers. The company was ordered out of Hopkinsville at midnight last night and great secrecy was maintained. A dispatch from Hopkinsville says, if needed, the members of the company may join the State guard at Fulton this afternoon or tomorrow.

### Chinese Trouble Takes Warships From Manila

For the first time since the battle of Manila Bay, on July 3, 1898, there is not a single United States warship in that harbor. Cable dispatches to the Navy Department today gave notice of the sailing for China of the coast defense ship Monterey, and the Monitor Monadnock. When these vessels arrive in the Yangtze, Admiral Murdock, commanding the Asiatic fleet, will have eleven fighting ships under his command in Chinese waters.

The torpedo boat Dale was reported today at Slakwan in the Yangtze just below Hankow, the scene of the rebel activities. No change in the situation relative to the conflict in China has been reported to either the State or Navy departments.

### One Arrest Made in Mail Assault Case

Charged with having assaulted Daniel Mills, of 2915 Olive avenue northwest, Henry Blackburn, colored, today is held at the first precinct station. Mills was going home last night about 11 o'clock and as he passed through the mail he alleges that two colored men, one of whom was Blackburn, stepped from behind a clump of bushes and knocked him down. He was left unconscious and when he recovered he found \$15 missing. Blackburn was arrested today.

## TAFT INTENT TO REVIEW FLEET CAUSES BUSTLE

Navy Heads on Jump to  
Change Arrangements  
of Maneuver.

### BATTLESHIPS ARRIVE AT HUDSON MOORINGS

Gala Pageant Will Pass Before  
President—Day Later Than  
Originally Planned.

President Taft's sudden decision to review the Atlantic fleet in New York harbor, and the consequent change in date of the review, caused a great bustle in the Navy Department today.

Orders and notices were sent out today from the Secretary's office, and the Bureau of Navigation, making provision for the change. Secretary Meyer was in long distance communication with the department from Chicago, and gave the necessary instructions.

Notwithstanding the fact that the inspection and review have each been moved back a day, the great fleet of 102 vessels will be mobilized November 1, according to the original program.

#### Battleships Arrive.

Rear Admiral Osterhaus, commanding the fleet, notified the Navy Department this morning of the arrival in the river, off New York city, of the battleships Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Indiana, and Massachusetts; the torpedo tender Dixie and the torpedo boat destroyer and torpedo boat Drayton, McCull, Paulding, Roanoke, Peristera, and the gunboats, Blatchford, Morris, Porter, Stockton, Patterson, Ammen, Trippe, Worden, Shubrick, Stringham, Eddle, and Dupont; the gunboat Nashville and the transport Prairie. The Celtic is en route to New York from Boston, the North Carolina from Portsmouth, N. H., and the Reid, Flusser, Lamson, Preston, Smith, and Macdonough from Norfolk.

Private Secretary Charles Taylor sent out notices today from Secretary Meyer to all the invited guests, notifying them that the dates for the inspection and review are November 1 and 2, instead of October 31 and November 1. These notices went to the members of the Cabinet, the House and Senate Naval Committees, other members of Congress, members of the press, and public men.

#### Arrangements Complete.

Officers of the division of operations and the Bureau of Navigation sent out to the navy today the necessary orders affecting the change of arrangements for the mobilization, inspection, and review are now complete. There will be assembled in New York harbor tomorrow the largest fleet of war vessels ever assembled by a single nation. The review will far surpass that of the Channel fleet or other great reviews of Great Britain, the greatest naval power, in numbers of ships.

The President will view the fleet from the Mayflower, as will Secretary Meyer and the invited guests. The dispatch boat Dolphin will earn its title, as it will be turned over to the active newspaper men, those actually covering the review as an assignment. Secretary Taylor will be aboard the Dolphin representing the interests of the press representatives and keeping them informed.

Coincident with the mobilization and review, the vessels of the Pacific fleet will be reviewed at San Francisco, Cal. (Continued on Sixth Page.)

## VANNIMAN BALLOON TO BE TESTED TODAY

Aeronaut to Try Out Air Craft in  
Which He Hopes to Cross  
the Atlantic.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 29.—In spite of a brisk breeze Melvin Vanniman decided today to take his big dirigible balloon out this afternoon on a trial flight. He at once ran up the flag that are the signals that he intended to go up, and hundreds of visitors began to assemble at the great balloon shed. This is the balloon in which he will attempt to cross the Atlantic.

Mr. Vanniman said his flight would not be a very long one, nor would he go out far over the water. The flight, he said, would be simply to test his engines and the stability of the big bag. Only two of his three main engines are in place, the third not yet being ready to mount. "Jack" Irwin who was with Mr. Vanniman in a previous attempt to cross the ocean, has finished the installation of the wireless outfit, and says his department is ready today to start across the Atlantic. Mr. Vanniman said he thought everything would be ready for the attempt by the middle of next month.

## Doubts Pope Has Named Cardinals



MGR. DIOMEDEO FALCONIO.  
Papal Legate to the United States.

## BROTHER OUT OFF IN WILL, ATTACKS LEGACY TO PRIESTS

Joseph Clark Charges Undue Influence Over Aged Relative.

Joseph Clark, cut off with \$5, he says, in the will of his brother, Bernard Clark, plans to fight to a finish to break the will which bequeaths all the estate, he avers, except to himself and \$5 to a brother in Albany, to St. Joseph's Church, of Washington, and another Catholic Church in Buffalo, N. Y. The estate is valued at about \$100,000.

Mr. Clark, who lives at 1104 B street northeast, and who has been in the Bureau of Navigation eighteen years, and now is in the Department of Commerce and Labor, makes some startling accusations against the Rev. Valentine F. Schmitt, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of this city, and against Father Miller, of Buffalo. In his petition to the surrogate of Erie county, N. Y., to break the will, Mr. Clark charges undue influence on the part of Fathers Schmitt and Miller, and accuses the priests of getting the deceased brother, Bernard Clark, of Washington, to leave this city, and to enter the asylum which Father Miller conducts with a view to inducing him to leave all his property to the church.

Mr. Clark declares his brother made a will which he believes to have been in the petitioner's favor about five years ago, and to have superseded this will by the later testament after he had entered the asylum. That the testator, of unsound mind is another ground on which the suit is brought, and the fact that Bernard Clark passed his last years and died in an asylum is cited as evidence of the truth of this contention.

### Clues to Murder Are Sought in Letters

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29.—Lieutenant Kinney of the detective department, who has been placed in exclusive charge of the Dr. Knabe murder mystery and Coroner Durham held a conference today, and began to go over the private correspondence of the dead woman with a view of finding some connection with her life that would lead to something tangible to work upon.

The detectives are confident that these letters will be productive of some clue. It was also arranged today to resume the questioning of Miss Augusta Knabe, the dead woman's cousin, and Miss Katherine McPherson, the doctor's assistant. These two women were the first to see the dead woman, after the discovery of the crime and they were at the apartments an hour and a half before the police were notified. They have told conflicting stories of the conditions at the flat after they arrived and the police never have been satisfied with the explanation of the women, as to why the department was not notified sooner.

## THOUSANDS SLAIN IN REBEL RANKS IN FIGHT AT HANKOW

Imperialist Fleet Aids Army  
and Revolutionists Retreat  
After Slaughter.

PEKING, Oct. 29.—From the Wuhu, the nearest telegraph station now working with Hankow, comes reports that in the battle in and around Hankow, 3,000 rebels were killed. The rebels, after their defeat retreated toward Wuchang. Another dispatch from the Wuhu announces that after a terrific encounter at Hankow the rebels fell back on Yang Yang. Admiral Sahn, commanding the Chinese Yangtze fleet, announces his intention to bombard Wuchang. The combined attack of the loyal military and naval force on Hankow was successful. The imperialists drove the rebels from their entrenched positions near the railway line. The rebels fought like demons but under the guns of Admiral Sahn's squadron in Yangtze the rebel leader realized that further resistance meant useless slaughter and ordered a retreat.

### Will Devote Life in Clearing Squiers' Name

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Herbert G. Squiers, widow of the former United States Minister to Panama, who died in London a fortnight ago, has determined to devote her life and fortune, according to reports, to clearing her husband's name from the slanders circulated in connection with his service. She says Mr. Squiers died of a broken heart.

## ARABS ANNIHILATED OPPOSING ITALIANS

Hard Battle Fought Near Tripoli.  
Turks Driven Back With  
out Damage.

TRIPOLI, Oct. 29.—Another battle was fought this afternoon between the Italians and the Arabs not far from this city. The Arabs, urged on by the Turks, occupied a villa and made a threatening front to the enemy. The invaders pushed a company of the Eighty-fourth Regiment and the Arabs were annihilated in the fight that followed. During this sortie the Turkish regular army could be seen with cavalry detachments hovering on the flanks of the Italian army. They were driven back by the artillery. Four guns filled with shrapnel were discharged by the Turks, but did no damage.

## MGR. FALCONIO DOUBTS NEWS OF NEW CARDINALS

Papal Legate Believes That  
Reports Are Not  
Trustworthy.

### DEMANDS OFFICIAL ADVICES FROM ROME

Gibbons Hopes Report Is True, and  
Says He May Receive Official Confirmation.

#### Why Falconio Doubts Reports from Rome.

If the report by any chance should be true, precedents of centuries have been broken by his holiness.

Never before in the history of the church have announcements of appointments been made before the appointees have been notified.

It has been a matter of both policy and courtesy to notify the recipients of such honors before the news is made public.

The report bears a semblance of truth only in that the names of many of the persons given are those for whom elevation to the cardinalate has been rumored for years.

If the report is true, it is a most unusual proceeding, and this compels me to believe that the story is without foundation.

There is no truth in the report, in my opinion. Thus did Mgr. Diomedeo Falconio, apostolic delegate from the Vatican to the United States, at the papal legation, 1811 Biltmore street northwest, this morning brand the dispatches from Rome indicating that he, with Archbishop John M. Farley, of New York, and Archbishop William H. O'Connell, of Boston, are to be raised to the cardinalate by Pope Pius, at a consistory to be held November 27.

Despite the fact that the news agencies' reports from Rome were followed by several special cable messages from correspondents and American Catholics now in Rome, the papal delegate refused to become enthusiastic over the idea that he was about to be made a prince of the church.

#### No Official Advices.

"We have no official advices from Rome and I believe the reports are absolutely without foundation," Mgr. Falconio stated. "If the reports should, by any chance, be true, precedents of centuries are broken by His Holiness."

"Never in the history of the church have announcements of such appointments been made before the appointees themselves have been notified. It has been a matter both of policy and courtesy to notify the recipients of such honors before the news is made public. For these reasons and others I doubt if there is any truth in the reports whatever."

Mgr. Falconio says the first official news from the Vatican of this nature comes to the papal legation here, to him as apostolic delegate.

#### Has Received No Intimation.

"And I have never had the least intimation of such an intention of His Holiness," said Mgr. Falconio.

"It is customary, of course," he said this morning, "that the Pope call consistories in advance, giving notice of from thirty to forty days, but no such call has been made to my knowledge. It is a most unusual proceeding if the reports are true, something unheard of in Catholic history, and I am compelled to believe that the reports are utterly without foundation."

"Any news would come to me from Rome by cipher cablegram. I do not expect any. The report bears a semblance of truth only in that the names of many of the persons given are those for whom elevation to the cardinalate has been rumored for years," said Mgr. Falconio.

#### Awaits Official Cablegram.

Mgr. Falconio rose early this morning to read the latest news as contained in press dispatches, and the telegrams of congratulation which are showering in upon him at the papal legation. He displayed particular interest in a statement of Archbishop Farley, who also declared his belief that the report might be untrue. The apostolic delegate says he will not communicate with Rome, or Archbishops Farley and O'Connell unless a cablegram containing official confirmation of the reports is received from Rome. (Continued on Eighth Page.)